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[Despatch Abstract.]

Industries - Multivitamin tablets - Manufacturer - Papers
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department.

Notes of the discussion with the Public Health Commissioner,
Government of India at 11 a.m. on 10-5-1946

4. He gave the information that multivitamin tablets were being manufactured at present in India by Colonel Sekhey in the Haffkine Institute, Bombay, but that as the output was only about 4 million tablets a month this would not meet our emergency demands. The Secretary, Education and Public Health Dept. pointed out that Bombay may have a first call on the products of the Haffkine Institute and that very little may be available for other Provinces. The Hon'ble Minister wanted the question of starting Government factories and subsidising private manufacturers examined. The Public Health Commissioner said that this may be done as a long range programme, and that in the meanwhile, to meet the emergency, firm orders may be placed through Government of India with the manufacturers abroad. The Hon'ble Minister wanted to know whether the King Institute could not take up the manufacture of multivitamin tablets. The Public Health Commissioner observed that it could only be on a commercial and factory basis, and that this might interfere with the normal activity of the King Institute for the production of serum and vaccines. He suggested that it will be better to have a system of private manufacture under proper supervision and adequate control under the Drugs and Pharmacies Act.

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The file deals with the suggestion of the ex-H.M. (HH & M) for the manufacture of multi-vitamin tablets made during the course of discussion with Public Health Commissioner, Govt. of India. Attention is invited to the notes of discussion at 'A' on p.2 above. The S.G. who was asked to offer his remarks on the suggestion in consultation with Heads of the Depts. has stated that it is not possible to undertake the manufacture on a commercial scale at the King Institute, Guindy, for the D.I.&C. who was consulted in the matter has reported that it is not possible to undertake this work as he has not got the requisite technical staff for undertaking it. The Director has also stated that this work is usually undertaken by reputed pharmaceutical concerns. In the above circumstances it does not appear possible to undertake the manufacture in any existing State institution.

It is now for orders whether the question of taking up this manufacture in any Govt. Institution on a commercial and factory basis may be deferred for the present.

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